



A2. Eligible Applicant Documentation

Local Agencies

Is the applicant a local agency as defined in Appendix B of the Guidelines? Please explain.

Yes, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (Water Agency) is a Dependent Special District with Countywide authorities.

What is the statutory or other legal authority under which the applicant was formed and is authorized to operate?

The Water Agency was established by the state legislature in 1945 to control and conserve storm, flood, and other surface waters for beneficial use and to enter into contracts for water supply. It was also empowered under State Water Code Section 3000 et seq. to cooperate and contract with the United States and the State of California on behalf of municipalities and districts within the Agency's boundaries. It has since been empowered to also acquire property, condemn for the purpose of right-of-way, and assume indebtedness either as principal, guarantor, or underwriter.

Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the State of California?

Yes. The agency is empowered under State Water Code Section 3000 et seq. to cooperate and contract with the United States and the State of California on behalf of municipalities and districts within the Agency's boundaries. The Water Agency has the overall institutional ability to coordinate and work with all the agencies, institutions, districts, and public interests in the Santa Barbara Countywide Region.

Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.

For purposes of developing the first IRWM Plan in 2006, the Water Agency and members of the RWMG (Cooperating Partners) entered into Memoranda of Understanding. Since then, the Water Agency and RWMG members have updated the MOU annually and re-entered into these contractual agreements through the MOU process. Each member of the RWMG must review the MOU and take it to their respective Boards, Councils, etc. These MOU agreements ensure the performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.

Non-Profit Organizations

**Is the applicant a non-profit agency as defined in Appendix B of the Guidelines?
Please explain.**

N/A

**Does the applicant have legal authority to enter into a grant agreement with the
State of California?**

N/A

**Describe any legal agreements among partner agencies and/or organizations
that ensure performance of the Proposal and tracking of funds.**

N/A

Include a copy of the certificate of incorporation for the organization.

N/A